



Robert "Bob" Garfield Long

July 21, 1933 - August 1, 2017

Robert "Bob" Garfield Long, 84, of Bluffs passed away Monday, August 1, 2017 at Lewis Memorial Christian Village in Springfield. He was born July 21, 1933 in Beloit, WI. He was the son of Roy G. and Zoe (Cox) Long. Bob graduated from Urbana High School in 1952, where he was a standout athlete in football, baseball and track. He graduated from Western Illinois University in 1961 and later received his Master's Degree from WIU in 1972. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the Army from 1953 to 1956.

Bob married Connie G. Parrack on February 8, 1958 in Monmouth, IL. She preceded him in death on, January 17, 2017.

Bob and Connie were the proud parents of Kevin (Pam) Long of Cissna Park, Kelly (Robert) Sheppard of Pittsfield, Matt (Becky) Long of Camp Point and Scott (Candice) Long of Springfield. He was the beloved "Papa" of Alicia Pool of Pittsfield, Mitchell Long of Darlington, WI, Bryce and Marlee Long of Camp Point, and Emily, Kyle and Claire Long of Springfield.

Bob is survived by siblings Miriam McGrath, Dee (Denny) Doyle and Hasson (Mary) Kateeb. Their warmth and loving embrace were a comfort to Bob as they were united late in life. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Joyce Parrack.

Bob was a coach and mentor to generations of area athletes and coaches. He started his coaching and teaching career in Rockport, IL, followed by stops in Bement, Bluffs, Camp Point Central, Meredosia, Jacksonville High, Jacksonville Routt, Virginia and Meredosia. In 1996 he was inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Bob enjoyed attending all of his children and grandchildren's events. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. He was a member of the American Legion and Trinity Lutheran Church in Bluffs, where he previously served as an Elder.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Zoe and Roy Long and his birth parents, Iva Mae (Elliott) Kateeb and Leroy J. Amberg. He was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law Robert Parrack.

Funeral services will be held Saturday August 5, 2017 at 11:30 am at Trinity Lutheran Church with internment in Park Lawn Cemetery in Barry, IL. Visitation will be held at the church Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services. Memorials are suggested to the Bob Long Memorial Fund. Memorial Fund donations will go to Camp Point Central and Cissna Park Basketball.

Cemetery Details

Park Lawn Cemetery

Barry, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Neelyville, IL

Service

AUG 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Neelyville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" Garfield Long

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ So saddened to hear of Coach Long's passing--I had the honor of paying basketball for him at Routt 1975-76 and taking his American History class, he was a grdat coach and teacher, always mixing in humor with life's lessons. I coached my son and daughter's teams using his patented 1-3-1 defense. Memories of Coach Long are sure to put a smile on any one's face who played for him. Thoughts are with his family. Bruce Beard, Rout Class of 1977

Bruce Beard - August 08, 2017 at 12:18 PM



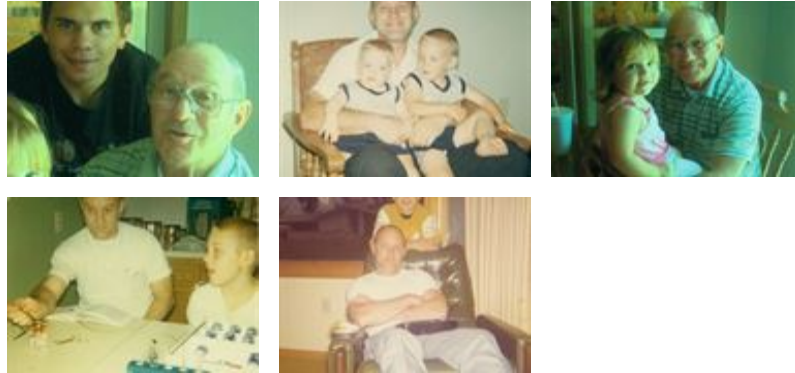
“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful So ul..." was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Garfield Long .



August 05, 2017 at 01:15 AM



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Daws Funeral Homes - August 04, 2017 at 03:25 PM

RT

Rich and I had the utmost respect for Bob. He was a excellent role model for our son Rich. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Rich and Karen Thompson

Rich and Karen Thompson - August 05, 2017 at 08:50 AM

DW

“ *Donnie Whewell lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Garfield Long*



Donnie Whewell - August 04, 2017 at 11:42 AM

DB

“ *Sorry for your lose! Dale and Pat Barnard*

Dale Barnard - August 03, 2017 at 07:04 PM

CW

“ I remember him coaching in Meredosia. Great guy!! Cindy Ruyle Walker...class of 1984

Cindy Ruyle Walker - August 03, 2017 at 05:28 PM

TL

“ I sure enjoyed working with your Dad at Meredosia. We ate lunch together. One day we were wrestling at the milk cooler in the cafeteria and I ended up putting him on the floor. We laughed about that for a long time. I sure hope memories of good times can get you through this tough time!

Tracy A Lawson - August 03, 2017 at 08:39 AM

TL

“ Tracy A Lawson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Garfield Long



Tracy A Lawson - August 03, 2017 at 08:33 AM

PE

“ Pat Engelbrecht lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Garfield Long



Pat Engelbrecht - August 03, 2017 at 08:21 AM

PE

Many memories of Bob and all good. He touched a lot of lives in his Coaching days. Just about a week ago Jeff Schmitz had a post about how he helped him in his Coaching experiences. He is Jerry's son. I will always remember the Anniversary Party for Connie and Bob and Mom and Norman that Kelly put on at Village Inn. Such good memories. Thinking of all you kids.

Pat Engelbrecht - August 03, 2017 at 08:27 AM

RC

I had Mr Long for a teacher at Bluffs High School. I never liked history but he changed that. I can say now I have a better appreciation of history because of him. Was an excellent teacher.

Ruth H Fargo Craig - August 03, 2017 at 05:47 PM